

## CLAIMS

1. A method of increasing the digestibility of a food to an infant or early stage animal comprising including in the food an alkali metal bisulfate in an amount effective to increase the digestibility of the food to the animal.

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2. A method according to claim 1 wherein the alkali metal bisulfate is sodium bisulfate.

3. A method according to claim 1 wherein the animal is a piglet having an age not greater than about 10 weeks.

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4. A method according to claim 1 wherein the alkali metal bisulfate is included in the food in an amount between about 0.1% and about 5% by weight of the food.

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5. A method according to claim 1 wherein the food includes moisture in an amount effective to dissolve the alkali metal bisulfate.

6. A method according to claim 1 wherein the alkali metal bisulfate is sodium bisulfate containing less than 0.003% heavy metals, less than 0.05% water insoluble substances and less than 0.003% selenium by weight.

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7. A method according to claim 1 wherein the alkali metal bisulfate is sodium bisulfate added as a product consisting essentially of from about 91.5% to about 95.5% sodium bisulfate and from about 4.5% to about 8.5% sodium sulfate, by weight.

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